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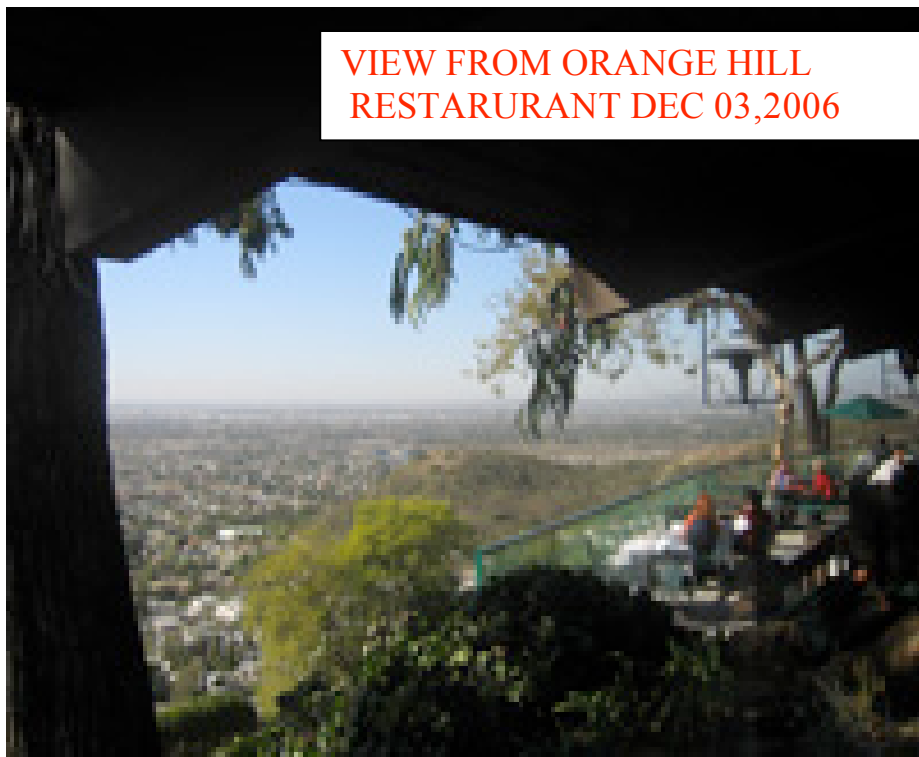


Happy New Year

Jan 2007

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VIEW FROM ORANGE HILL
RESTAURANT DEC 03,2006



Subject:
Unusual Letter

Steve, I got this, but I believe it is meant for you!
Harvey W8DX

Dear Editor,
Southern California DX Newsletter:

Here at the institute, we wait anxiously to devour your Newsletter every month. Naturally, we were quite excited to see the image of esteemed DX-er W6VX. Often, we have asked ourselves: “What is the secret? What makes these operators stand out?” Even with the benefit of our finest antennae and large, commercial transmitters, we have been bested by the likes of Mr. Bongiorno W6VX.

At last, we have found the answer in your excellent photograph. Note how the Alpha 87A amplifier is standing nobly on its side? This is not merely a space-saving ploy. Oh, no. We studied the photograph for a long period of time and finally hypothesized that this vertical polarization definitely has everything to do with performance. Perhaps, Mr. Bongiorno decided to modulate his amplifier to a vertical position for cleaning purposes, and was suddenly called away. Upon his return, he was immediately involved in a pile-up, which he conquered like never before. He has hidden his discovery ever since, but now; he has inadvertently allowed us to uncover his darkest secret. Note in the photo how he has forgotten to look over at the amplifier!

To prove the hypothesis, we borrowed one of these amplifiers. We drove 350 miles to the Osteopathic Hospital of Greater Guelph, and we placed the unit in their state of the art MRI machine. After that, we traveled to Montreal to examine the unit under bombardment with a linear accelerator. We now believe we have the answer. We will attempt to put our conclusions in language easy for the layman to understand.

Turned vertically, with the hypersil transformer down, the final valves are subject to relativistic effects. Indeed, time moves slightly slower in the final compartment, then in the transformer Hah! you say, a miniscule difference. Indeed, but you must remember that electrons are moving in the tubes at the speed of light – a very credible relativistic When the amplifier is placed in the transmit mode, power is applied to the tubes and transmission begins a few nanoseconds before the push-to-talk or footswitch is activated. This slight advantage is more than enough to draw attention to the signal.

There are also some other advantages we have discovered to this 90 degree phase difference: The unit will turn on just before the “on-off” switch is depressed. This shortens the mandatory time delay and makes the transmitter ready faster. Also, the unit turns off slightly before you turn off the switch – saving wear and tear by arcing within the switch.

To our delight, we have been applying this phenomenon to many different devices. At Portello’s Pizza Palace, we discovered that by turning the pizza ovens on their sides, we have been able to deliver the pizzas, steaming hot, before they were placed in the ovens.

Most amazingly – yet profound – By turning chicken coops on their sides, the eggs actually precede the chickens, thus solving an age-old dilemma, and we owe it all to Mr. Bongiorno.

Respectfully submitted,
Sadakichi Ginsberg, Corresponding Secretary
Institute for Unnatural Phenomenon!

**WE MAKE EM FAMOUS DOWN HERE ON THE
FARM AT SCDXC**

NEW LICENSE

1A4A: Starting from Jan 2007 a new Amateur Radio Station license has been issued from the SMOM, The Sovereign Military Order of Malta. The license is hold from the S.M.O.M. and its managing is in charge to Giorgio IZ4AKS. The first activity of this station will be from 2 January 2007 to 8 January 2007, from the extraterritorial zone of the Magisterial Villa on the Aventine hill in Rome. The operators are IZ4AKS, IZ4DPV, I4UFH, IK4UPB and IW0DJB (HV5PUL). Activity will cover from 2m to 160m, SSB/CW/RTTY mode. Three stations will be active at same time, DX areas, as Japan, South America and West coast, especially on lowest bands will be empathized.
QSL MANAGER: IZ4DPV.

The license has been granted into a fundraising program to support the worldwide relief activities of the Order of Malta. The Order follows its historic hospitaller mission providing help to the needy and the sick. Today the Order of Malta is a major global, professional organization in terms of the humanitarian aid, medical care and emergency medicine it provides, in its management of hospitals, specialized homes for dependent elderly people, socio-medical care centers, the collection and transporting of medicines and the training of workers and ambulance staff. The Order currently has medical and humanitarian programmers in more than 120 countries.

1A4A (One Aid 4 Africa) first activity is finalized to collect funds to build a school for young girls, as part of a support plan for the rebirth of South Sudan, coordinated by the Order of Malta, together with the Italian govern.

Updated information,s and details about the DXPedition could be found at www.1a4a.org <<http://www.1a4a.org/>>.

To know more about The Order Of Malta, visit www.orderofmalta.org
<http://www.orderofmalta.org/>

From: Jim Shryne, N6DHZ

THE ROSE PARADE

from Urban, w6mpb

THE HISTORY OF BROADCAST (AND HAM RADIO) INVOLVEMENT IN THE ROSE PARADE AND ROSE BOWL

Larry Bloomfield has compiled a magnificent Web-magazine (a 60 page, 11 MB PDF document) chronicling the history of broadcast and ham radio involvement in the Tournament of Roses (Bowl & Parade). This document is an absolute classic and well worth studying carefully. Many very rare pictures are included.

Visit <http://www.tech-notes.tv> and click on "Current Edition."

CW NO MO

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2006 7:21 PM -SB QST ARL ARLB030
FCC to Drop Morse Testing for All Amateur License Classes

In an historic move, the FCC has acted to drop the Morse code Requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes. The Commission Today adopted a Report and Order (R&O) in WT docket 05-235. In a Break from typical practice; the FCC only issued a public notice at Or about the close of business and not the actual Report and Order.



MEET SORRY

So some details -- including the effective date of the R&O -- remain Uncertain. The public notice is located at,

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-269012A1.pdf.

Also today, the FCC also adopted an Order on Reconsideration, in WT Docket 04-140 -- the "omni-bus" proceeding -- agreeing to modify the Amateur Radio rules in response to an ARRL request to accommodate Automatically controlled narrowband digital stations on 80 meters in The wake of rule changes that became effective today at 12:01 AM Eastern Time. The Commission said it would carve out the 3585 to 3600 KHz frequency segment for such operations. Prior to the long awaited action on the Morse code issue, Amateur Radio applicants for General and higher class licenses had to pass a 5 WPM Morse code test to operate on HF. The Commission said today's R&O eliminates that requirement for General and Amateur Extra applicants.

Typically, the effective date of an FCC Order is 30 days after it appears in the Federal Register. That would mean the Morse requirement and the revised 80-meter segment for automatically controlled digital stations would likely not go into effect until late January 2007.

DAN MAGRO. W7RF. WINNER OF THE IC 7000 RAFFLE



JEFF THE VP



Happy

new year to all. I hope the holiday season brought you much happiness, and that at least a small part of it was related to getting the amateur radio toys we all love so much. I also hope you were able to attend our holiday party in December at the Orange Hill Restaurant. What a great time! Food, drink, company, and lots of great prizes. Mark your calendar for next year: the party will be on 12/2/2007 starting at 12 noon. Same place.

This has been an extraordinary year for the DX Club. The International DX Convention, aka “Visalia”, was a huge success for the Club. The summer picnic and bash were a blast, and the holiday party really capped things off.

As your 2006 VP, I’ve tried my best to get interesting monthly programs and I sure want to thank all the presenters and, especially, those Club members who helped me find programs for the tough months when “pick-ins was slim”.

As we look toward the new year, I hope I’ll be able to continue serving the Club well as your President. That’s unless someone beats me in the election, of course. Regardless of what happens as we vote for a new 2007 Board, I want everyone to know how much I’ve appreciated the opportunity given to me this past year. The VP’s job wasn’t nearly as hard as I thought it would be, and that was because of a lot of great support from many of you. My thanks!

As I write this, I’m looking out into my backyard, where the stakes are in the ground for the hole that’ll be dug for the tower by time you read this. Yes, it’s finally happening. If folks are interested, I’ll do a presentation next year detailing the 6 month effort to get the building permit and, with luck, I’ll have some photos of the project in its various stages.

It should be ready to go by early February, about the time I hope my new Alpha 9500 will be delivered. Now, about that lady that lives behind me and isn't on cable TV...

The program for January, aside from the big election, is going to be Dick Norton giving us an update on ARRL goings-on and the national organization's take on the elimination of CW as a licensing requirement. As a personal statement by someone who's been licensed since 1958, I must say that I'm left with a feeling of sadness over the elimination of the Morse requirement even though I knew it was inevitable. I just wish we could have hung onto Morse testing for the Extra. Call me a reactionary but, for me, I cannot think about amateur radio without thinking of the code. And so it goes...dit dit. See you at the meeting. 73, JW



NOW WE KNOW THE REST OF THE
STORY.

FROM THE EDITOR

First thing I should say is HAPPY NEW YEAR. The next thing is that I am very grateful for the support and help I have received with the making of the Newsletter. Not to be left out but my second term as secretary is about to end. No worry, you wont have to volunteer, I signed up again. It has been a very interesting job. I have recovered somewhat after my computer failure in November. Bought a new machine, (Apple) and have a lot more to learn. So bear with me as I manipulate the Newsletter.



This year has been very exciting for the DX world as we saw new countries added and very rare ones activated. I hope you all maintained your max countries count. I know I didn't, I'm still in storage. Craig, our son is waiting for a new liver and soon as his recovery period is over we hope to buy and get caught up on the country count. Meantime I will have a chance to improve my CW. QRP of course.

This time next year we will doing the same thing all over again, so enjoy and have a safe and healthy year.

73, Steve , w6nrq

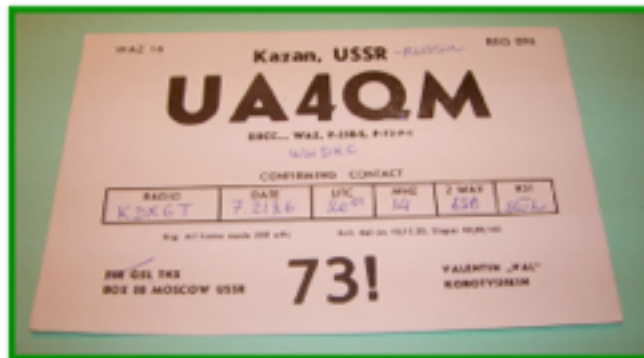
Welcome new member
Capt. Erik Lewis, U S Army
W6EWL

The QSL Vault!

by Dan Dankert - N6PEQ
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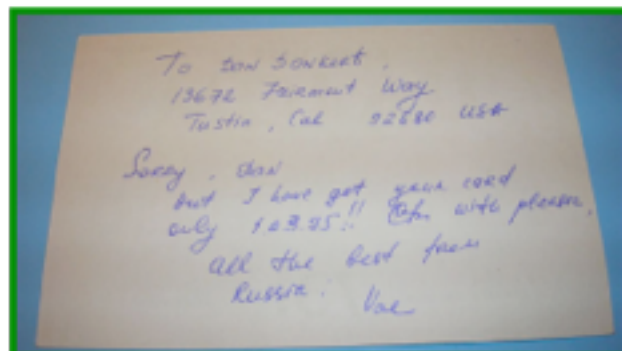
It was asked in a OCARC meeting earlier this year, "What is the oldest QSL card that you have received via the QSL bureau?" Ironically a few days after this meeting, a large envelope full of QSL cards from the sixth-district QSL bureau arrived at our home. Low and behold there was an old card contained in the stack. How old??? The QSL card, which I received, was in response to a SWL report that I sent to a Soviet ham (Val - UA4QM) back in 1986. UA4QM received my SWL card in 1995! Having received Val's card in 2006, this totals to a round trip of 20 years!!!



Reflecting on when I heard Val on 20 meter SSB, I realized that I was 15 years old, a sophomore in high-school, did not yet have my driver's license, but had recently received my amateur radio license. My SWL equipment consisted of an Icom IC-R71A receiver and a HQ-1 Mini-Quad antenna at 30 feet.

Times have changed, but the thrill of opening that envelope from the bureau is still just as exciting as always!

Remember to keep a supply of envelopes and postage at the QSL bureau. You never know what may show up in your mailbox!





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Hello everyone, I got an e-mail from Sumo and he wanted me to let all of you know that he has recently updated his web site with new pictures from the ARRL SW Div. convention and Pacificon.

Sumo was recently at the SCDXC holiday party and he will also be at The OCARC holiday party next week. He said he would add these pictures in a week or two.

He also said his next travels will be to Monterey in February and to Visalia in April and he may even make it to Dayton.

Sumo's web site is <http://www.ontheroadwithsumo.com>

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THE PREZ SAYS

The Pres. looks back at 2006

I have had a ball serving on the board of the SCDXC. Having the opportunity to work with a great group of people and stand before the world as president of a most prestigious radio club has been an honor.

Looking back at the year starting with Visalia, the picnic, the Summer Bash, and finishing up the year with a great Holiday Party, with 111 attendees, for a wonderful brunch and lots of time to visit with members, wives and guests are happy memories for me. What a great way to finish the year!

At every club function I always look around and notice all the black badges, a sign of the people before me that have given their time and talents to make the club what it is today. The incoming board has new members and fresh ideas to keep the SCDXC moving forward.

Thanks to all the board members and supporters that helped me through the year, I needed the help! See you at the meetings.

Bubbas doneΣ
73 and Good DX

SOME PARTY PICTURES





I HOPE YOUR WISH CAME TRUE



THE END